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SUBJECT

Appointment of Mr F R Sell, as Professor of English Language & Literature in the Central College, Bangalore

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Serial No 3 of 1904-05

Appointment of Mr E P Sells as Professor of English Language and Literature and Officiating Principal of the Central College Bangalore

1 From the Principal Central College Bangalore Dated the 30th June 1904.
Submits a list of applicants for the post of Professor of English Language and Literature in the Maharaja's College Mysore and recommends that out of them Mr E P Sells M A (Oxon) may be selected for the place

2 To the Inspector General of Education in Mysore No P 182 dated the 28th July 1904
States that Government propose to appoint Mr Sells referred to in Serial No 1 as Professor of English Language and Literature in the Central College Bangalore provisionally for a period of five years on Rs 400 per mensem and that the question of the grade of which the post is to be included in Class A 3 (400—50—700) of the Mysore Service is reserved for the orders of Government

3 From Dito No 4495 dated the 10th September 1904
Conveys the sanction of the Government of India to the appointment of Mr Sells on probation for five years on Rs 400 per mensem and states that if he is to be confirmed at the end of the period a further reference may be made to the Secretary

4 To the Comptroller Mysore City No 2144 dated the 14th September 1904
Forwards for payment the pay and travelling allowance bill of Mr Sells as Professor of English Language and Literature at the Central College
Endorsement to the Principal Central College Bangalore No 2195 dated 15th September 1904
Forwards copy of Serial No 4 with the intimation that Mr Sells pay during his probationary term of three years has been fixed at Rs 400 per mensem

G.I.P.O. dated 2nd October 1903 G.O. 445 dated 16th Feb 1904.

Endorsement to the Inspector General of Education in Mysore No 2156 dated 14th September 1904
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Do to the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore No 2197 dated 15th September 1904
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FILE HEADING

Appointment of Mr F R Sell as Professor of English Language and Literature in the Central College, Bangalore.

The Principal, Central College, Bangalore

No DO Dated 25/6/02 Received 28/7/02

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Submits a list of 12 applicants for the Vacant post of English Professor in the Central College and Recommends that Mr F R Sell, B a (Oxon) may be appointed to the Vacant post on Rs 400 per mensem

NOTES AND ORDERS

NOTES—First sheet

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PŪRNAPRĀSĀDA
BANGALORE
15 VII 04

My dear Srinivas Rao

I am sorry the papers were somewhat delayed here – I shall be obliged by your kindly giving them a thorough overhaul with your views – Probably Mr Hill is after all the best – and that he is recommended by Mr Cook is a strong one in his favour We may have been on this

years probation - to be afterwards built into A2 scale - Section - if we can get them. It might [illegible] the probation it will be a saving - our work is ranging and there is not much time. I hope

yours very sincerely
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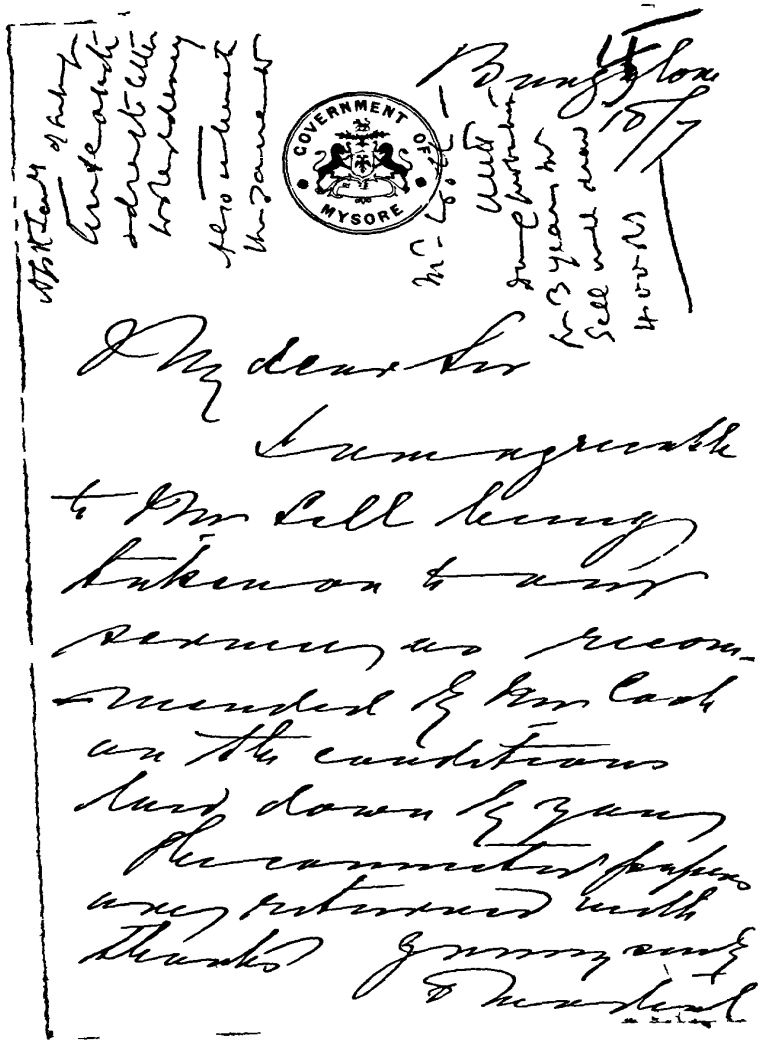
16/7/04

Mydear Sir,

Mr Bell seems to be a good man & should evidently prefer him to the other applicants He may be taken on the term you ~~have~~ mo - Rose

The papers you kindly sent me are returned with thanks

Yours Very Sincerely
C Alexander



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Submitted to His Highness

A Out of twelve applicants whose names are entered with their qualifications in the accompanying list for Mr Grieve's place as Professor of English Language and Literature in the Central College, Mr

B Cook considers that Messrs Cooling, Hunter and Sell are by far the most suitable for the post Of these three, he however, prefers Mr Sell on account of his

C Oxford training and broader culture The Councillors and myself are also of opinion that the choice of Mr Sell is the best He may be appointed on probation for three years on Rs400 per mensem and at the end of that period, if he gives satisfaction, he may be confirmed and placed in A II grade, Rs400 rising to Rs700 by annual increments of Rs50

D A draft to the Residency applying for the sanction of the Government of India to employ Mr Sell is enclosed

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Record of Case submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject

Appointment of Mr F R Sell, as Professor Cer

tral College, Bangalore

Order

Approved

~~K R W~~

23/7/04

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Speech-letter to Un-Resident - Engl.

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Issue this letter to-day only

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	2	According to the above orders a draft, to the Residency applying for the sanction of the Govt of India, for the appointment of Mr Sell as Pro of English on probation for 3 years on Rs 400 per mensem was issued (Vide No Pol 82 dt 28/7/04)
4-	3	Letter No 4695 dt the 10th Sept 1904 from the Residency — In this letter the First Asstt to the Resident conveys the sanction of the Govt of India to the employment of Mr Sell as Professor of English in the Central Colleg, on probation for 3 years on Rs 400 per mensem — He adds that a further Reference may be made to the Residency in the event of a proposal to confirm Mr Sell in his appointment at the end of 3 years being contemplated. A draft notification

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tioning the appointment is put up-
to Mr book has expressed in
7 his letter dt the 25th June 1904 that
as soon as the appointment is
sanctioned he must write to Mr
Sell to save time, perhaps a D.O
may be sent to him that the
appointment is sanctioned-
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12/9/04

Draft passed
12/9/04

4 Govt Notification No 2124 dt
the 15th Sept 1904 - Appoints Mr Sell
as Professor of English Language and
Literature in the Central College -

Endorsements to the Principal of the
Central College, Inspr Genl of Schs and
Comptr Nos 2125-27 dt 15/9/04 -

Forwards copy of Govt Notn with the intimation
that Mr Sell is appointed on probation for
3 years at Rs 400 per mensem -

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Bangalore

Urgent & Confidential.

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25 June 1904

Ex F 33-1904-05. Sl No 1

To Sir P N Krishna Murty K.C.I.E
Dewan of Mysore,
Camp Mysore.

Sir

Herewith I beg to enclose a list of all the applications for the vacant English Professorship in the Central College also an abstract of the Qualifications and Testimonials of the three that I consider by far the most suitable for the post, viz Mr Cowling, Mr Rendall & Mr Bell

Enclosed also I send the actual Testimonials of these three, as well as Dr Duncan's letter to me giving his opinion of them after an interview which, in accordance with your wishes, I asked him to be so good as give

Personally it is the same to me which of the three the Government

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(OVER THE PAGE)

may appear, though on the whole I am in favour of Mr Bell, because of his Oxford training and broader culture than either of the others

The only objection to him is that he has not had as much experience of actual teaching in England as the two others and if he had been coming out as the Head of a College this would have been of more importance than when he comes out to a Professorship under one who has had as much experience as I have had

Most English Professors and many of the most successful, e.g. Dr Miller Dr Duncan, &c have come out to India with little or no previous Experience in teaching Everything depends on the man's character and ability, & the man to adapt himself to his work and surroundings in this country From all I can learn of Mr Bell's character, I am confident that he will be a success.

In any case, the engagement—

on probation
should be in the first-instance, for a short term of only three or four years — the appointment being made permanent thereafter only if the person appointed proves satisfactory.

Dr. Duncan says he considers any one of the three well qualified for the post, and as I have already stated I shall be quite satisfied to have any one of them for the professorship.

Mr Holdsworth's testimony in favour of Mr Cowling is very strong, and Mr Holdsworth knows Mysore and the Central College well.

On the other hand Mr Taylor, the Head of Owen's world-known establishment gives Mr Bell an excellent testimonial, which has great weight.

I am informed privately that Mr Bell came within two marks of the last man selected at the I C S examination last year and I speak much for his linguistic zeal that he has recently gone to the University of Paris for post-graduate study of French & German, both of which languages he already knows well.

4 I am most anxious that the appointment should now be made as Mr Cecil Burrow has been found physically unable to do as much as we require with our very large classes and heavy examination work. His services are to be retained to the end of August at least, and I am very anxious that the new professor should enter on his duties as soon after that date as possible -

If the appointment is made by Government I can write to the selected candidate — as was done in the case of both Mr Lant, & Mr. Lewis to save time

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant -
D. Cook
Principal
Central College
Bangalore

List of Applications for the post of English Professor in the Central College 5

No	Name	Age	University & Degree	Present Position &c.
	Date of App.			
1	C W Anley (30 Oct 1903)		M A Camb 1897 (Selwyn Coll)	Warden Bp Cotton Schools Bangalore
2	I A Yates (30 Oct 1903)		B A Oxford 1897 (Queens Coll)	Principal Pachaiyappa's Coll Madras
3	H J Bhabha (22 Oct 1903)		B A Oxford 1900 (New Coll)	Barrister in Bombay
4	A R Adolphus (5 Dec 1903)		B A Madras	Prof of English in the Maharajas Coll Mysore
5	W H M Hamlin (11 Nov 1903)	29	B A Oxford (All Souls Coll)	Master in Trent Coll Nenalmoor, Derbyshire
6	Frank R Bell (7 Dec 1903)	24	B A Oxford (St Johns Coll)	Post graduate student in Univ of Paris, for Lang Degree & took Hons in French German & English
7	Percy J Cowling (12 Feb 1904)	25½	M A Victoria Univ Manchester	Asst Master for past 4 yrs in Kingswood School Bath
8	S C Robyn (8 Feb 1904)		M A Oxford (Christ Church Coll)	Acting Head Prof in Presy Coll Madras
9	H H Lamb (6 Mar 1904)		M A Oxford	Tutor to the Son of the Rao of Cutch
10	Edw Candler (11 Mar 1904)		M A	Spec Corr of Indian Daily Mail in Thibet Expedn (Wounded during siege will be applied)
11	J Kastur Iyengar (6 Oct 1903)		M A Madras	Lect Maharaj Coll Mysore
12	M C Chinnappa (11 Dec 1903)		B A Madras	Master Wesleyan H S

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Mr Frank R Lee

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Age 24 B.A Oxon 1st class degree in Lit. Hum. Coll St Johns (where he held a Hasting Scholarship)

a candidate for the I.C.S last year, and fell short by only a few marks of the last successful Candidate

Has a good knowledge of German & French and is a good athlete

Testimonials

(I) From Dr. Wm Baker, late Head master of "Merchant Taylors' School"

many years at that Public School & gained a Hasting Scholarship from St Johns Coll Oxford very satisfactory.

(II) From Mr Sydney Ball, Senior Tutor of St Johns Coll Oxford

Excellent character, conscientious worker, Competent knowledge of Classics, and modern Hasting studies thoroughly

(III) From Prof Carveth Read M.A (Camb) late Prof of Philosophy in Owens College London

Highly laudatory of his English composition, his judgment, & integrity of character "I have never seldom spontaneously to praise unduly in the most important requisites of English style"

Has an extensive knowledge of moral Philosophy, Logic, & Psychology

(IV) From Mr. J M Taylor M.A (Camb) late Fellow of Gonville & Caius Coll Camb and now Principal of "Owen's"

a specially strong certificate as to his English knowledge & ability. Has also a thorough knowledge of such cognate subjects as History of England Political Economy, &c. He is painstaking & conscientious in the highest degree.

(V) From Mr Asa Briggs M.A of Balliol Coll Oxon testifying that he had been assisting him for a time to his satisfaction in his School Coll Court, Hammersmith Road, London W

(VI) From Dr Duncan late Dutchess of Pea
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Mrs P. J. Curley M.A. 8

Age 45 M.A. of Victoria University, Manchester
who-England as his special subject
Has had 14 years Experience in teaching in the
Kings Road School, where he was educated
and where he still is. This is a well known
Private School of high character, at Bath,
where Mrs Holdsworth, and Mrs Pigott (later
the Carl Coll.) were educated

Testimonials

(I) From Prof A.S Wilkins Litt.D Camb Prof of Classics
Lit in & Late Pro-Vice Chancellor of the
Victoria University Manchester
very favourable as to Mrs Curley's career at Owens
College 1856–9 "Was active in the athletic and
social life of the College. Has specialised in the
study of Eng. Lang & Lit."

(II) From Mrs E.S Symonds, Litt D Camb Warden of
Hulme Hall, where Mrs Curley lives as resident
tutor at Owens College
a general testimonial of a highly favourable
character

(III) From Prof J.N Tollet M.A, late Prof of English
in Owens Coll. Manchester
a favourable estimate of slightly general
nature

(IV) From Mrs W.P Workman Mod Camb B.Sc Lond
late Fellow of Girton Coll Camb Headmaster of Kings
School, Bath.
Testifies to a most favourable knowledge of Mrs Curley
for the last 14 years. Has exceedingly favourable
as to Mrs Curley's performance as a teacher in
Kings Road since 1900
Has general manner & attitude towards work and his
tact & sympathy with children will, I believe
ensure his success

(V) From Prof A. Ellis, Mod Oxon, Prof of Eng Lang
in Liverpool University
Testifies favourably as to Mrs C's work under
him when Prof of Eng Lang in Owens Coll.
Highly favourable testy

(VI) From the Rev Mrs Holdsworth, late of Mayfield who
knows Mrs Curley & has educated at the same
School
Expresses herself favourably "Has as strong as a man
and with Holdsworth says he is just the kind of man
we want for such a post"

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(VII) From Prof. Alf. Hopkinson of the Victoria University of Manchester

assured & highly favourable testimonial

(VIII) From Dr. D. Duncan, late Director of Public Instruction, Madras

He seems to have been most favourably impressed with the gentlemanly bearing, modest manner, and fine handsome appearance of young Mr. Cole. He considers his testimonials most favourable for his object & cautions for the best of reasons Prof.

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Mr Montague H M Hunter

Age 29 unmarried graduated B.A. Ox
in 1898 (Coll all Souls)
3rd Class in Hon Mods + 3rd class in Lit Hum

Experience

1 a month in Canada as a tutor to two boys (age 10 & 12) sons of the Principal of McGill University Montreal

2 a master for 1½ year in Bolton Grammar School

3 For three years (ostensibly) a master in Trinity Coll Glenalmond, Perthshire

Has always excellent health
Takes a considerable share in the different forms of Athletics

Testimonials

(I) From Wm R Anson, Warden of all Souls Coll Oxf dated 8 Aug 18
Good Character: good abilities abundant physical energy likely to prove good teacher & interest. has taught in Mission Schools & quite likely an example of courteous manners and a high standard and of conduct

(II) From W Peterson, Principal of McGill Univ Montreal
Highly satisfactory as to character &c

(III) From L W Fyde Headmaster of Grammar Sch Bolton
Taught the lower Classics, & Lower English (incl Geography, Modern, Mathematics) Excellent Disciplinarian
Highly successful in organising games
Recommends for any post requiring tact, sympathy and strength of character

(IV) From Canon J H Skrine, late Warden of Glenalmond
Highly Satisfactory

(V) From Archd R T Hyslop late present warden
Highly Laudatory

(VI) From Sir Kenneth Mens-Mackenzie
Specially favourable to his general character
He has known him from his boyhood

Particulars of information to accompany the application by the Durbar for the sanction of the Government of India for the employment of a person who is not a native of India

Name of person proposed to be employed	Frank Reginald Sell BA
2 His father's name	Rev Canon Sell DD Madras
Nationality	English
Date and place of birth	Bangalore August 18th 1879 left for England when about 7 years old has not since been in India
5 If born out of India date of first arrival in India and occupation since arrival	
6 General educational qualifications i e where educated, any examination passed &c	Educated Merchant Taylors School London St Johns College Oxford where he held a scholarship of £80 for 4 years took his degree in Classical Honours was Goodhart Senior Scholar & Sparkes Prizeman of Trinity
7 Particulars of any special training or former employment	Assist Master at a school in London left & helped for Paris where he was working for the Association of Paris
8 Proposed appointment and salary	Professor of English Language and Literature, Mysore Government Central College Bangalore Rs 400/- — staff grade
9 Special terms of employment	On probation for three years thereafter to be graded in Class II of the Educational Service, if his

Office of the Durbar of Mysore

Bangalore, the

Secretary to the Govt of Mysore,
General & Revenue Depts

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TESTIMONIAL

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(LATE HEAD MASTER OF MERCHANT TAYLORS SCHOOL)

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He came to me after taking a degree in Literae Humaniores at Oxford and most of his time here was spent on English and Historical subjects

I am informed that he is now competing for a post as teacher of English under the Mysore Educational Service and I have great pleasure in strongly recommending for such a post He writes an exceedingly good essay and knows how to express himself clearly and concisely I know of no more vital qualification than this for a teacher of English especially in a teaching institution for the natives of India amongst whom my experience shows me that these characteristics are too often lacking—a fact which I attribute to faulty teaching rather than to any inability to become good writers of English

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During the two years that Mr SELL was my pupil I had no fault whatever to find with his behaviour I have a great respect for his character and I know him to be painstaking and conscientious in the highest degree I have no doubt that he will devote his best energies to any work entrusted to him

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Colet Court

Hammersmith Road

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He is obviously interested in his work and in educational methods generally.

James Bewster M.A.

Balliol College Oxford

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TESTIMONIAL

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Hammersmith Road W

Nov 20*th* 1903

Madras

July 22 1904

Dear Mr Cook

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing an official letter, of the same date, stating that the Govt of Mysore, on certain terms, will appoint me to the educational department, I write to say that I accept the appointment for three

I shall be glad to know when

I should desire
him to pose
I am yours truly
Schnell

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Pall Mall
London SW
25 April 1904

My dear Cook

I have just had an interview with Mr Hunter, who has been on this quarter during the holidays, & returns to Glenalmond in a few days. Do you know his brother, who used to be in Coimbatore? Well there is a considerable family likeness in size, features & manner. He has been, I think he said, four years teaching at Glenalmond but not the higher classes. I have not seen any of his testimonials, either from

Oxford or from Glen Almond
I could not gather that he had
specialized in any particular
direction, as Cooling had done
in English, or as Sell had done
in English & History. But he
looks a smart man, with
a genial, lively temperament;
who would get on well with
students. I forgot to ask
his age, but he looks older
than the others. He plays cricket
& golf.

Altogether I believe you would find
him a suitable man for the
work, as far as an hour's con-
sation with him has enabled

me to form an opinion 25

If I were to say whether
he or Cooling were the more
suitable, I would on the whole
vote for Cooling. Cooling is not
so smart & pert & easy in his
manner, but he gave me the
impression of a more solid
intellect & character than Hunter
has given me. Besides Cooling
seems to have devoted himself
specially to English Language
& Literature. If I were the Head
of the Central College I would
therefore, prefer Cooling to Hunter
on those two grounds. As for
Sell, when I interviewed him
it was as candidate for a History
chair that I understood him to
appear before me. I do not now
recollect exactly how he stood as

to English Language & Literature, but my impression is that her qualifications in that department are good.

I would put Sell & Cosby on a level as regards suitability both in academic qualifications & in personal attributes. Either of them I would prefer to Hunter though he appears to be the smartest of the three.

We are having fairly good weather here at present. London will soon be looking its best, but all the same we are moving to Strathpeffer for June & July.

Spencer's Autobiography appeared last Friday. I wish the Biography were at the same stage. I have been kept very busy of late with Tuster work in addition to biographical work.

Kindest regards to Mrs Cook & yourself. Very truly yours

D Sherman

Kingswood School
Lansdown
Bath
Feb 11th 1904

J Cort Esq M A
Principal of Central College
Bangalore

Dear Sir

I write to offer myself for the post of Professor of English Language and Literature in the Central College Bangalore

I am the son of the Rev James Cording of Madras and was born in Madras in August 1878 and am now therefore 25½ years old

I was educated in England for six years at Kingswood School, Bath from which I proceeded to Owens College Manchester the seat of the Victoria University, residing there at Hulme Hall on entrance to which I obtained a scholarship Here I studied for over 3 years for the B A degree of the Victoria University making English Language and Literature under Professor T Northcote Toller and Professor Oliver Elton

respectively my special subjects, and for that purpose spent a year in the Honours School of English Lang and Literature My other studies included Classics Modern History, French and Mathematics

In 1899 I received the B A degree after which I returned to Kingswood School, Bath as an assistant master for the last four years I have had considerable experience in teaching the general curriculum of a good secondary school of over 200 boys, English having a prominent part

During these years my English Knowledge has been kept fresh by some lecturing and by definite study directed towards the M A degree In 1902 after six months special work at Bruces College. I proceeded to the Victoria University M A degree after a written examination in English Language and Literature

I therefore offer myself for this post with the assurance that my qualifications are quite adequate enough to enable me to fulfil its duties my thoughts and interests have always been directed towards India and Indian educational work for which I have always felt a great drawing to my health, for precautions sake I have been lately examined to see if my constitution would stand the climate of India and the doctor's report has been that my constitution is perfectly sound
I append to this application three sets of testimonials but owing to the short notice which I have had since the Indian mail arrived, I shall be unable to send some of the more important testimonials which I hope, will follow next week
Should any further information be required references could be made to my father, the Rev James Cooling BA, Royapettah College, Madras

I am
Yours sincerely
Percy J Cooling

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TESTIMONIALS

OF

MR P J COOLING, M A

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THE OWENS COLLEGE

MANCHESTER

February 9th 1904

I have much pleasure in supporting the candidature of Mr I J COOLING for the Lectureship in English Literature and Language in the Central College Bangalore Mr COOLING was a student at Owens College 1896—1899 and afterwards took classes for his M A degree for which he stood successfully in 1902 He was active in the athletic and social life of the college and gained the respect of all with whom he had to do His specialised study of the English Language and Literature should have made him fully competent to fulfil the duties of the post for which he is now a candidate and I feel sure that in every other respect he would be an acceptable colleague and an addition to the strength of the staff

A S WILKINS

Litt D Camb M A Lond Hon Litt D Dubl Hon LL D St Andrew

Professor of Classical Literature and Fellow of Corpus Christi College in the Victoria University of Manchester

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HULME HALL
PLYMOUTH GROVE
MANCHESTER
February 11th 1904

Hearing that my former pupil Mr P J COOPER M A is a candidate for the Lectureship in English Literature in the Central College Bangalore I have great pleasure in testifying my belief in his fitness for the post

Mr COOPER came into residence at Hulme Hall in October 1897 winning a Scholarship at entrance and left on taking his B A degree in December 1899 During this time (as in the Session 96—97) he attended classes at Owens College in English Literature and English Language in Latin and Greek and in Mathematics as well as occasionally in History and French He also read classics with me privately

During his residence at Hulme Hall he worked steadily (and played vigorously) In general he was a useful and highly respected member of the community and I have confidence in foretelling for him a successful career

He has since leaving here taken the Victoria University M A degree in English Literature and has also had valuable experience in teaching at Kingswood School B th

(Signed) E B ENGLAND
Late D Comb Warden of Hulme Hall

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13 Maldeth Road

Withington

Manchester

Mr P J Cooling while an undergraduate attended the English Language Classes held by me in the Owens College and gave evidence of the success with which he had pursued his studies by passing the University Examinations for the B A degree Three years after the final of these he took the M A degree in th school of English Language and Literature and in this examination shewed that he had made considerable advance in his knowledge of English Having regard to the extent of his knowledge and to the fact th t he continued his studies after his undergraduate course I should suppose that he would prove competent to undertake the work in English Language required in the Lectureship for which he is a candidate

J N Toller

M A late Professor of English in the Owens College Manchester

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KINGSWOOD SCHOOL
BATH
February 9th 1904

Mr P J COOLING M A informs me that it is his intention to apply for the Professorship of the English Language and Literature in the Central College Bangalore I have known Mr COOLING almost continuously for the last 14 years and have the greatest pleasure in expressing my sense of his fitness for the post in question From 1890—6 he was a pupil at Kingswood School and he returned as a Master in 1900 having spent the interval in studies at Owens College which while directed generally towards the Victoria degree had always a special reference to English Literature and the history of the language Of the soundness of his attainments the degree which he took is sufficient evidence and my own confidence in his work is shown by my having invited him back to Kingswood to join our staff His experience here has lain for the most part among the middle forms but these are just those which are most difficult to teach successfully and experience among which is in reality the most valuable

I have every confidence in recommending him for the post he is now seeking though I should be sorry to be deprived of his services His genial manner his athletic tastes and the tact and sympathy of his nature will I believe ensure his success

W P WORKMAN

M A Camb P Sc Lond Headmaster of Kingswood
Late Fellow of Trinity College Cambridge

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THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

February 1904

I was long acquainted with MR COOLING while I taught English Literature at Owen's College I can testify that he has studied with effect over a wide range of the subject having sat for three sessions and part of a fourth session in my class thrice a week and having worked at a different period in each session He did his work with increasing credit and finally took the M A degree in English Literature (especially) and in English Language This he passed also with credit and we consider it a good degree as it involves a test in part of the Honours or advanced work

Since then MR COOLING has kept up his English Studies while training himself as a practical teacher He can bring other testimony to his efficient acquaintance with the English Language

MR COOLING would be a genial and hardworking colleague in whom every confidence might be placed by the College for which he worked as regards his loyalty and as duty

O ELTON *M A Oxford*
King Alfred Professor of English Literature in Liverpool University

The Manse Chislehurst

England

12 2 04

My dear Mr Cook

So many years have passed since you and I had anything to do with one another that you will scarcely remember me To me also my life in India seems to belong to some previous existence so much of both sorrow and joy have come to me since Piggott and I used to come every Saturday to your Ten is Parties in Bangalore

I am writing to you at the request of the Headmaster of the same School from which both Piggott and I came It appears that one of his Pupils who has since become a Master in the same school has put in an application for some vacancy in the Central College He is the son of The Rev J Cooling in Madras whom you will have met I have been asked to support the application of young Cooling I have met him and I know enough of his work and attainment to enable me to do so with confidence He is as strong as a horse, and has been each winter in the Rugby Team that plays for Bath He was tried for the County but was not heavy enough to be one of their forwards From this point of view he would be an acquisition to any Indian College He has been Fourth Form Master in his School for three years and is liked by everybody He took his M A at the Victoria University, taking Honours in the English Literature Course and reading with Toller and Elton His course included not only old English and the different stages of the language but dealt as a special subject with the Literature of the Nineteenth Century Of course he received the same general Education as made Piggott so efficient a Teacher I honestly think that you would scarcely do better than by securing Cooling as your Colleague He is just the kind of man for such a Post as you have vacant in your College

With all good wishes to Mrs Cook and yourself

I remain yours very sincerely

H H Harrison

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T E REGISTR R
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THE VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
OF
MANCHESTER

22 – 2 – 1904

I have much pleasure in stating that Mr P J Cooling, M A was a student of this College from 1896–9 During this period he applied himself with diligence to his work and after graduating B A proceeded to study for his M A , which he passed [redacted] in English Literature. He has shewn increasing knowledge and interest in this subject He has been a trustworthy industrious student, and has in addition to this a pleasant manner which would greatly assist his work as a teacher, (work) in which he has already a considerable practical experience I have much pleasure in recommending him for the important educational post in India for which I understand he is a candidate

Alfred Hopkinson

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THE ATHENÆUM

PALL MALL S W

London

8 April 1904

My dear Cook

Cookson wrote me by last mail that a son of his was applying for a post of English Lecturer in your College, that you wished me to report upon his fitness, & that I would probably have heard from you on the subject before I received his letter. I have not heard from you, but I am writing to give you my

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Impression of young Mr Cooling

He is a fine, handsome, well set up young fellow, with a very gentlemanly bearing & modest both in speech & manner as you will have gathered from his testimonials he has made English his main subject of study for the degree & seems specially qualified for teaching that subject His teachers praise him highly, & his present headmaster evidently has formed a very high opinion of him As he was a pupil in the Kingswood school before

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proceeding to Owen's College,
& even taking his degree
has gone back ~~there~~ to the
same school as a master,
the head of that school
has had abundant opportunity
of acquainting himself
with the character & qualifi-
cations of Mr Cowling He
seems to have a great deal
of common sense & I have
no doubt but that he would
get on well with you, with
his colleagues, & with the
students Moreover, he has
had experience in teaching

When I saw you
Mr Sell I understood that
the post he was applying
for was History, not English

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But I gather from Mr Cooling that he is applying for the same post as Mr Sell & that it is not History but English I sent my impression of Mr Sell to the Dewan, understanding from Canon Sell that such was your wish But I am writing to you & not to the Dewan about Mr Cooling

Very truly yours
S Duncan

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Rajahmundry 42

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Dear Cooke

I am just back from my [illegible] and
found your three letters about [illegible]
[illegible] Montague & Hunter,
with a view to [illegible] becoming [illegible]
here, [illegible] to give us [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] Tommy [illegible]
[illegible] Alley [illegible]
[illegible]
the [illegible] on Sullivan - [illegible]
Trinity College [illegible] and all

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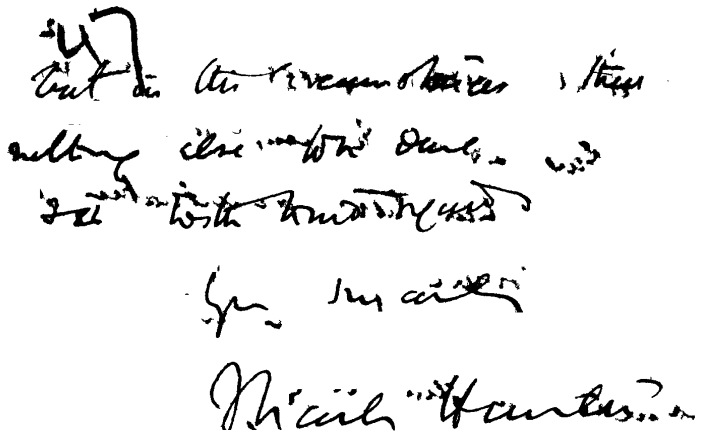
Theatrical study - need I expect he
has done so In any case I am
sure he has the qualifications to
become Professor of English - and after
he has had time to find out that
country in that country he will be
able to teach successfully anything
in the way of English - concert studies
and of course Latin and Greek if they
are wanted - that is I take
many and time to teach of
if any further information you may
require I'll be glad to procure
for him - I am, Dear Madam
Yours very sincerely Arthur C Benson,



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Bank of Madras

Bangalore 12th November 1903

To J Cook Esq

Principal

Central College

Dear Mr Cook

As the postal service is so disorganized by the breaches in the railways, there is no saying how long a letter may take coming here from Rajahmundry, and in case you have not received a communication from Mark Hunter, I send you the following resumé of my brother M H Hunter's career with reference to his candidature for the vacant English Professorship at the Central College

I may mention that my brother's age is about 29 and that he is unmarried

Educated at Glenalmond college he rose to the top of the school, taking at the same time a foremost position in athletics He was captain of cricket, football, sports and also of the cadet corps

From Glenalmond he obtained an exhibition at All Souls College Oxford where he graduated with honours both in Moderations and Greats

Although he did not obtain a Blue at the University, he was well in the running for one at football, and he carried off many trophies at College sports

After graduating, my brother took a temporary appointment as a private tutor in Canada He was practically offered about this time, through Sir William Anson the Warden of his College at Oxford the Principalship of a college in the Bombay Presidency (Ahmedabad I think) but for various

reasons he declined to stand, but took up instead a mastership at Bolton Grammar School, where he remained for about two years

Three years ago, while at Bolton, he was offered without applying, a mastership at his old school Glenalmond, which appointment he accepted and now holds

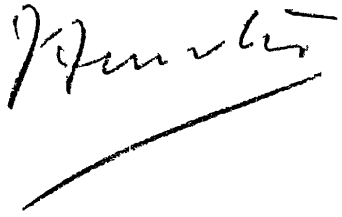
During vacations he has on several occasions taken appointments as private tutor to boys travelling on the Continent

With apologies for troubling you again in this matter

I am

Yours very truly

M Stewart



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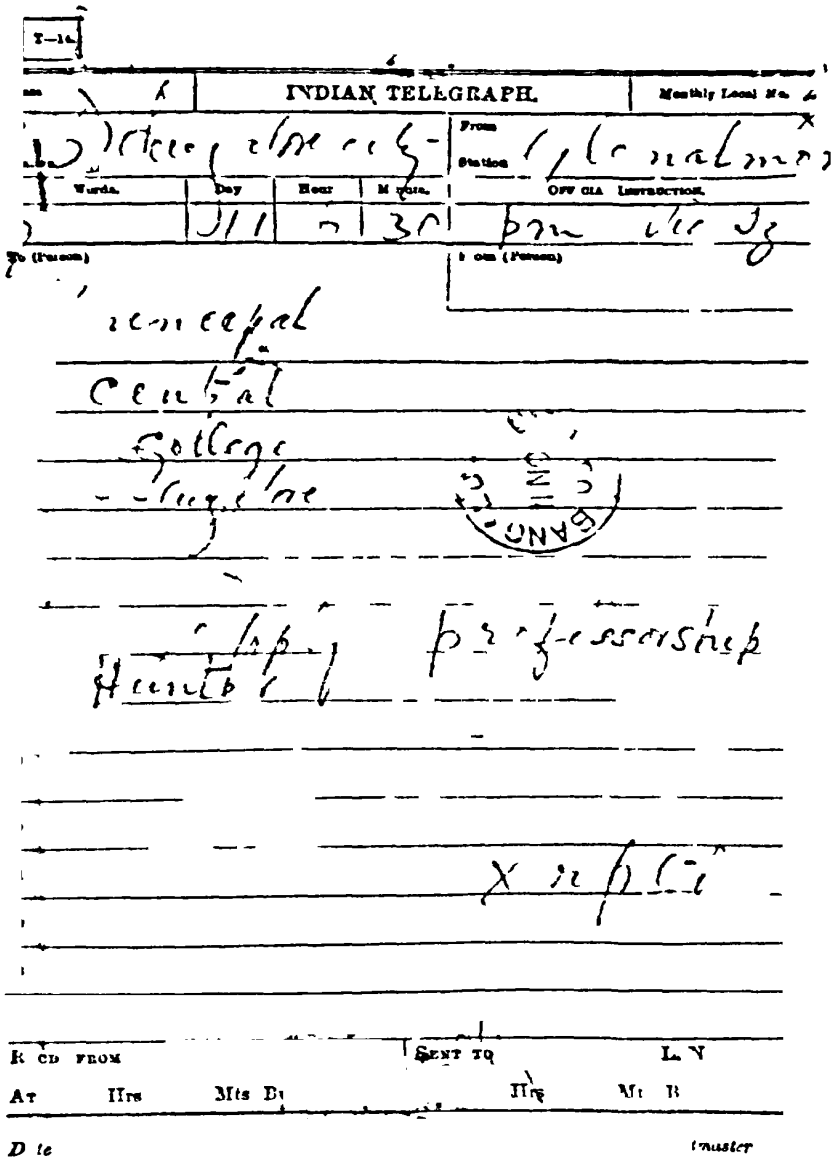

INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

Central College Hostel

Superintendent

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TRINITY COLLEGE
GLENALMOND PERTH

Nov 11 1903

Dear Sir

I have just received a telegram from my brother W B Hunter of the Madras Bank advising me to apply for the vacant professorships at the Central College of Bangalore I understand from his wire that he has already mentioned my name to you, and so I hope that the telegram which I have now sent off making the application will be intelligible to you and trust that it has reached you in safety I now write to confirm the application & to enclose testimonials I must confess that I am not yet clear as to what the post exactly is

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What the duties are & what are the qualifications required, but I hope to hear from my brother in a few weeks, explaining everything - To give a few details about myself. I am now 29 years of age, took my degree at Oxford (Bible Clerk of All Souls) in 1898 3rd in Hon Mods & 3rd in Lit Hu Since then I have been to Canada as a tutor to two boys, a month at Bolton Grammar School and a month at Chesterton

I have now been at Chesterton for 3 years - I am extremely fortunate in my good health - perhaps an important point - and take a considerable part in the various

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branches of athletics connected with
the school
I think that my testimonials will
probably supply you with all the
necessary information but will
be glad to tell you anything more
that you may wish to know
as soon as I hear from you.

Yours truly
Montague H. K. Hunter

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Testimonials in favour of Mr H H K Hunter B A Oxon

Aug 8th 1898 Pusey House Faringdon Berks

Mr H K H Hunter was a Bible Clerk in All Souls College from October 1894 until he took his degree in 1898 and his character & conduct have been perfectly satisfactory to the College and to those who were responsible for his tuition. He is not only a man of good character but of good abilities possessing withal abundant physical energy & not wanting in intellectual interests & should feel quite confident that as a teacher he would do his duty by those whom he undertook to teach would endeavour to interest them in their studies and would give them an example of courteous manners and a high standard of conduct

William R Anson

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Aug 10th 1899 Royal Mail Steamship "Etruria

considered myself fortunate in being able to induce Mr Instapse of St Hamlin to spend a winter in Canada with a view to undertaking the tuition of my two boys (ages 10 & 12) Under his care they made considerable progress in the ordinary branches of school study, and took a genuine interest in the work they had with him - Mr Hamlin's school & University record is sufficient evidence of his attainments and qualifications. In regard to teaching power, I should judge from what I have seen of him that he is pretty certain to interest as well as to instruct For a masterships in a good public School he would be eminently suitable He has a real liking for boys, and would enter into everything that belongs to school life He has a very attractive manner and was decidedly popular with he was with us As he was an inmate of my house for some 9 months I can vouch for him in every way and wish him all success

W Peterson
Principal of McGill University
Montreal

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12 1900 Grammar School Bolton

Gentlemen I am very glad to have an opportunity of stating my opinion of Mr Hunter He has been here for a year and a quarter and has done excellent work He is responsible for all the classes of the School & teaches the senior classes himself, He also has taken the junior classes in English Subjects - Geography History & Literature He has been disappointed with the results in Classics, as shown in the Oxford Local Examinations but I am entirely satisfied that his teaching is conscientious & effective, and has discipline is the best in the School He has also undertaken the organisation of our games — no easy task in a day School, and he has been successful beyond my utmost hope, having instilled his own Public School spirit into all the teams All alike now play an up hill game and take a sound beating without the slightest falling off either in energy or in good temper an extraordinary contrast to our matches a year ago I have every reason therefore to believe that

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Mr Hunter thoroughly understands boys of all ages and all social ranks, and I would recommend him unreservedly for any post requiring tact sympathy and strength of character

Yours faithfully
Lionel W Lyde
Headmaster

Executive Council of Teachers Guild
Staff Examiner to College of Preceptors

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Dec 12th 1902 : Testimonial

I have known Mr Montague A M Hunter as my pupil at Glenalmond & afterwards as my colleague there, and can speak in strong terms of his effectiveness as a schoolmaster. He is a man of high character a good and careful teacher, a good disciplinarian, and a master who would carry where are the affections of his pupils. He will also be found loyal as a colleague, a willing worker and pleasant in all social relations. In the organising of the outdoor life of a school he would be very valuable, and in another direction his musical gift would be of service. It will gratify me to be referred to in his candidature for any appointment for which his school subjects and his other capacities fit him but I will add here that he is a man of considerable versatility, and likely to succeed in situations requiring adaptability and resource

John H Skrine

(Late Warden of Glenalmond & Canon of St Ninians Perth)

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Nov 11th 1903

Trinity College
Glenalmond

am glad to be able to place on record my high opinion
of H H Hunter, who has been a member of the
staff at Glenalmond since 1901 I have known him
only for the last fifteen months, but in that
time have learned to value him as a colleague and
friend He is certainly a good teacher He has
no difficulty whatever in maintaining discipline
and gets excellent results out of the boys
who range in age from 14 to 16 years. and
have from him instruction in English Latin Greek
French and Divinity He also renders valuable help
in teaching drawing, and is a successful
manager of all the business and details connected
with the School Book Room His athletic
qualifications are such that he is a great
power in School life and is bound to exercise
a great influence among boys and young
men His open generous character, and

his genial breezy manner make him a genera
favourite with all who come in contact wit
him, and if he leaves Glenalmond, he will
carry with him the best wishes of all his
friends here masters and boys alike, who
cannot but deplore the loss that his going
will entail upon the common life of the
school

Archibald R F Hyslop RA
Warden of Glenalmond

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Aug 4 1898 Houses of Lords SW

Sir Kenneth Muir Mackenzie desires to give the highest recommendation possible of Mr Montague Hunter for the position of tutor, either travelling or at home.
He has known Mr Hunter from his boyhood, and has the most entire confidence in his character and good sense as well as in his abilities and industry. Anyone would be fortunate who obtains him as an elder companion for his sons.
Sir Kenneth Muir Mackenzie would be happy to see anyone personally on the subject if desired.

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The First Assistant to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore

Sol No 82 Enc 1 dy 28/7/1904

Sir,

I am directed to invite attention to your letter No 725, dated the 15th February 1904, conveying the sanction of the Government of India for the temporary employment of Mr C M Barrow as Professor of English Language and Literature in the Central College at Bangalore, in place of Mr A J Grieve who resigned the appointment The Durbar have now selected Mr F R Sell, B A (Oxon), who is now in England, for the appointment, and I am to request that the sanction of the Government of India may kindly be obtained for the employment of Mr Sell in Mysore will be on probation for three years and will be given a salary of Rs 400 per mensem On confirmation at the end of this period, he will be placed in the Educational grade of Rs 400 rising to Rs 700 by annual increments of Rs 50

2. The necessary particulars concerning Mr Sell are embodied in the accompanying statement

I have &c

Secretary

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From

P C H MOSS KING Esq I C S

FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE

To

OD 1094 The Dewan of Mysore

Dated Bangalore 10th September 1904

Sir

With reference to Mr Venkatasubbiengar's letter Political 82, dated the 28th July 1904, I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government of India to the appointment of the Dewan of Mysore F R S Ll as Professor of English Language and Literature in the Central College at Bangalore, on probation for three years, on a salary of Rs 400 a month

2 I am to request that a further reference may be made to this office in the event of a proposal to confirm Mr Bell in the appointment on the expiry of his probationary term

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident

Ed F 33 - 1904 - Sec 4

Notification 64

No (2124) - 33 - 4
Ed
15/9/04

Mr. Frank Requab Sell, B a (Oxon), is appointed as Professor of English Language and Literature in the Central College, Bangalore, ~~on probation for 3 years~~

By order

12/9/04

Secretary

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Copy to the Principal Central College, Bangalore with reference

To the D o R the

25th June 1904 ~~and~~ date

the intimation that

the pay of the Sell during

his probationery term of 3 years

has been fixed at Rs 400

per mensem & that a further

reference should be made ~~in the Secretariat~~ if

Mr Lele ~~has~~ is to be confirmed in his appointment at the end of

3 Copy to the I Gl of Sch this period

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By order

12/9/1904

Secretary

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Dr,

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